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In re Application of:	)	Art Unit: 1652
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UEMURA et al.	)	Examiner: D. M. Ramirez
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Appln. No.: 09/856,050	)	Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed: May 17, 2001	)	Confirmation No. 4088
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For: PROTEIN EXPRESSION VECTOR	)	September 14, 2004
AND UTILIZATION THEREOF	)	

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 21, 2004,  
petition and payment for a two month extension of time being  
attached hereto, please disregard the unentered amendment filed  
June 20, 2004, and please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.